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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED SPEECH FOR AMB. WHITEHOUSE AT CREDENTIALS  
PRESENTATION

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SPEECH IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH,  
SUGGESTED FOR USE OF AMB. WHITEHOUSE AT CREDENTIALS PRE-  
SENTATION CEREMONY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOUR  
MAJESTY, THE LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA ACCREDITING ME AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND  
PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE KINGDOM OF LAOS, AS WELL AS THE  
LETTER OF RECALL OF MY PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR G. MCMURTRIE  
GODLEY. AT THE SAME TIME, I HAVE THE HONOR OF EXTENDING  
TO YOUR MAJESTY, TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, AND TO THE PEOPLE OF  
THE KINGDOM OF LAOS GOOD WISHES AND WARM GREETINGS FROM  
PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

MAY I ALSO EXPRESS, YOUR MAJESTY, THE GREAT PERSONAL SAT-  
ISFACTION AND HONOR WHICH I FEEL IN UNDERTAKING THIS MISSION  
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TO ENHANCE THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH HAPPILY

EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO COME TO LAOS AT A TIME WHEN PEACE IS BEING REALIZED IN INDOCHINA, MARKED MOST SIGNIFICANTLY BY THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN LAOS ON FEBRUARY 21ST OF THIS YEAR. I LOOK FORWARD TO MY SOJOURN HERE AS RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ENTER INTO A NEW AND CONSTRUCTIVE ERA.

AS WE ENTER THIS ERA, I WISH TO ASSURE YOUR MAJESTY AND THE PEOPLE OF THE KINGDOM OF LAOS THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL BE GUIDED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH HAS RESTORED PEACE TO YOUR COUNTRY, AND THAT IT WILL CONTINUE SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THE NEUTRALITY, INDEPENDENCE AND UNITY OF LAOS. AT THIS TIME, ESPECIALLY, YOUR MAJESTY, AS NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT CONTINUE, I WANT TO UNDERLINE THAT THE UNITED STATES FULLY SUPPORTS YOU AND YOUR PRIME MINISTER IN THESE EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A SPEEDY AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

THE UNITED STATES IS READY TO COOPERATE WITH ALL LAO PEOPLE, AS WELL AS WITH ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD, IN UNDERTAKING THE CONSTRUCTIVE TASKS OF PEACE. I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I MAY CALL UPON YOUR MAJESTY AND YOUR GOVERNMENT, TO ASSIST ME IN MY EFFORTS IN STRENGTHENING THE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND ACHIEVING OUR COMMON GOALS.

TOWARD THIS END, YOUR MAJESTY, I PLEDGE MYSELF TO CARRY OUT MY MISSION TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY AND WITH THE BEST OF GOOD WILL. END TEXT.

3. BEGIN FRENCH TEXT: J'AI L'HONNEUR DE PRESENTER A VOTRE MAJESTE LA LETTRE PAR LAQUELLE LE PRESIDENT DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE M'ACCREDITE EN QUALITE D'AMBASSADEUR EXTRAORDINAIRE ET PLENIPOTENTIAIRE AUPRES DU ROYAUME DU LAOS, AINSI QUE LA LETTRE DE RAPPEL DE MON PREDECESSEUR, L'AMBASSADEUR G. MCMURTRIE GODLEY. J'AI L'HONNEUR EGALEMENT DE TRANSMETTRE A VOTRE MAJESTE, AU GOUVERNEMENT  
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ET AU PEUPLE DU ROYAUME DU LAOS LES BONS VOEUX ET LES SALUTATIONS CHALEUREUSES DU PRESIDENT NIXON ET DU GOUVERNEMENT DU PEUPLE DES ETATS-UNIS.

QU'IL ME SOIT PERMIS D'EXPRIMER A VOTRE MAJESTE LE SENTIMENT DE GRANDE SATISFACTION PERSONNELLE ET L'HONNEUR QUE J'EPROUVE EN ABORDANT LA MISSION QUI M'EST CONFIEE DE RENFORCER LES RELATIONS ETROITES ET CORDIALES QUI

UNISSENT NOS DEUX PAYS ET NOS DEUX PEUPLES. JE ME  
FELICITE PARTICULIEREMENT DE VENIR AU LAOS AU MOMENT OU LA  
PAIX EST REALISEE EN INDOCHINE, COMME EN TEMOIGNE  
NOTAMMENT LA CONCLUSION DE L'ACCORD SUR LE RETABLISSEMENT  
DE LA PAIX ET LA RECONCILIATION AU LAOS SIGNE LE 21  
FEVRIER DE CETTE ANNEE. J'ENVISAGE AVEC PLAISIR MON

SEJOUR ICI ALORS QUE LES RELATIONS ENTRE NOS DEUX PAYS  
S'ENGAGENT DANS UNE ERE NOUVELLE ET CONSTRUCTIVE.

ALORS QUE NOUS ENTRONS DANS CETTE ERE NOUVELLE, JE TIENS  
A ASSURER VOTRE MAJESTE ET LE PEUPLE DU ROYAUME DU LAOS  
QUE LE GOUVERNEMENT DES ETATS-UNIS SERA GUIDE PAR LES  
DISPOSITIONS DE L'ACCORD QUI A RETABLI LA PAIX DANS VOTRE  
PAYS ET QU'IL CONTINUERA A APPUYER LES EFFORTS DEPLOYES  
POUR PRESERVER LA NEUTRALITE, L'INDEPENDANCE ET L'UNITE  
DU LAOS. EN CE MOMENT TOUT PARTICULIEREMENT, MAJESTE,  
ALORS QUE SE POURSUIVENT LES NEGOCIATIONS VERS LA MISE  
EN OEUVRE INTEGRALE DES DISPOSITIONS DE CET ACCORD, JE  
DESIRE SOULIGNER QUE LES ETATS-UNIS VOUS APPUIENT  
PLEINEMENT, AINSI QUE VOTRE PREMIER MINISTRE, DANS CES  
EFFORTS EN VUE D'UNE CONCLUSION RAPIDE ET FRUCTUEUSE DE  
CES NEGOCIATIONS.

LES ETATS-UNIS SONT PRETS A COOPERER AVEC TOUT LE PEUPLE  
LAOTIEN, AINSI QU'AVEC TOUTES LES NATIONS DU MONDE,  
DANS L'OEUVRE D'EDIFICATION DE LA PAIX. J'ESPERE  
VIVEMENT QU'EN QUALITE DE REPRESENTANT DU PRESIDENT ET DU  
PEUPLE DES ETATS-UNIS JE POURRAI FAIRE APPEL A VOTRE  
MAJESTE ET AU GOUVERNEMENT DU LAOS POUR M'AIDER DANS MES  
EFFORTS EN VUE DU RENFORCEMENT DES LIENS ENTRE NOS DEUX  
PAYS ET DE LA REALISATION DE NOS OBJECTIFS COMMUNS.

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A CETTE FIN, MAJESTE, JE M'ENGAGE A OEUVRER DE MON MIEUX  
ET AVEC LA PLUS GRANDE BONNE VOLONTE DANS L'EXECUTION  
DE MA MISSION. END FRENCH TEXT. RUSH

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